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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 10, 11, 13, 16, and 21 as follows.

1. (Amended) A print system, comprising:
- a print server;
  - a plurality of printers connected to the print server;
  - a plurality of computers connected to the print server;
  - the print server includes a job observation module for monitoring the status of the plurality of printers connected to the print server; and